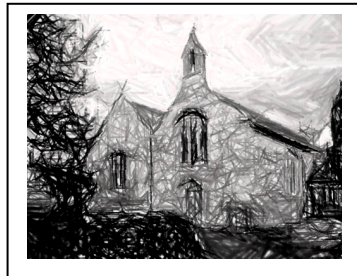




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Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

13TH DECEMBER 2020 – ADVENT 3
GAUDETE SUNDAY

TODAY'S SERVICES:

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Mass: Communion Service in D minor,
Vaughan Williams

Psalm: 126

Motet: This is the Record of John,
Vaughan Williams

Preacher: The Cathedral Chaplain

I THESSALONIANS 5. 16-24

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

R: The Lord has done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **R:**
Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. **R:**
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. **R:**

JOHN I. 6-8, 19-28

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize

with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God,
as your servant John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of your Son, make us your servants ready for his coming in these holy mysteries; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

God of mercy and power,
whose Son rules over all,
grant us so to live in obedience to your will, that at his appearing we may be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 61. 1-4, 8-II

The prophet tells of the time when God's promises of justice and freedom will be fulfilled, and his people will rejoice again.

I THESSALONIANS 5. 16-24

Paul advises the Thessalonians about how to behave while they wait for Jesus' return. Gratitude, joy and hope are to be their chief characteristics.

JOHN I. 6-8, 19-28

When John the Baptist is asked who he is and what his ministry means, he declares that his only purpose in life is to bear witness to the imminent arrival of the Messiah.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please go outside the building to speak to friends etc. Please wear a face covering when coming to church. Thank you.

If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app please check in using the QR Code. If you do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet here. The booklets are

quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Prayers. Please pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Outdoor Carol Singing at 4pm on Sunday, December 20th. We will start in front of the cathedral and then move to other areas of the city. Come and join us for as long as you want. Strict social-distancing essential and maximum number of 30 to comply with Welsh Government Covid regulations. Bring a torch. For further details, please contact Janet Cameron 01745 583770 or Linda Roberts 01745 585068.

Christmas Services. Numbers will be limited for the Christmas services. A form has been sent out. Please return it as soon as possible to enable us to plan the seating etc. Services are as follows:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

(4pm Christingle and Crib Service for the Parish Church – this will be a broadcast service NOT live)

7pm Service of Lessons & Carols
(Livestreamed)

11.30pm Midnight Mass (Livestreamed)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8am Holy Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am Cathedral Eucharist (Livestreamed)

School Governor. The VP School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If anyone is interested in this can they please contact Marion Hughes in the first instance: telephone 01745590960 Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

14th Monday – John of the Cross

9am Morning Prayer

15th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

10am to 4pm Cathedral open for private
prayer

16th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

17th Thursday – O Wisdom

9am Morning Prayer

18th Friday – O Adonai

9am Morning Prayer

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10am to 4pm Cathedral open for private
prayer

20th Sunday – Advent 4

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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